

June 25, 2007  
Seven o'clock P.M.  
North Little Rock City Hall Council Chambers  
300 Main Street  
North Little Rock, Arkansas

The regular meeting of the North Little Rock City Council scheduled for Monday, June 25, 2007, was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by the honorable acting Mayor LINDA ROBINSON. The roll having been called, and the following Aldermen answered to their names: NEIL BRYANT, DEBI ROSS, LINDA ROBINSON, CARY GAINES, OLEN THOMAS, JOHN PARKER, and CHARLIE HIGHT, a quorum was declared (7/0). Alderman MURRY WITHCER and Mayor PATRICK HENRY HAYS were absent. City Clerk Diane Whitbey and City Attorney C. Jason Carter were also present.

The invocation was given by Alderman Bryant, followed by the pledge of allegiance to the flag which was led by Alderwoman Ross.

On the motion of Alderman Hight and seconded by Alderman Gaines, and by consent of all members present, the minutes of a regular council meeting held on Monday, June 11, 2007, and a Special Call council meeting held on Friday, June 15, 2007, were approved, accepted and filed as prepared by the City Clerk (7/0).

On the blanket motion of Alderman Bryant and seconded by Alderman Hight, and by consent of all members present, communications # 3, 4, 5 and 6 were accepted and filed (7/0).

3. Pulaski County Judge F. G. "Buddy" Villines, letter to Mayor Hays re: Fairfax Road - results of joint project. Project created one road with two names (i.e. McCain Fairfax / McCain Street).
4. Sharon Tedford, Mayor's Office memorandum re: *restaurant mixed drink – replacement* for Richard Fields, MacDaddy Bar & Grill, LLC fka Arena Billiards Bar & Grill, 314 North Maple Street, by Deborah Evangeline McDaniel.
5. Sharon Tedford, Mayor's Office memorandum re: *restaurant wine & retail beer on premises - New* The Victorian Garden, 4801 North Hills Boulevard, by Marjorie A. Michell.
6. Stephen Young, Petition for the passage of O-07-43 due to excessive volume of music from moving and non-moving vehicles (31 signatures).

On the motion of Alderman Hight and seconded by Alderman Bryant, and by consent of all members present, communication #1 was read by title only, accepted and filed (7/0).

1. Graham W. Rich, CEO Central Arkansas Water letter to Mayor Hays and City Council re: reappointment of Anthony Kendall to the CAW Board of Commissioners.

On the motion of Alderman Hight and seconded by Alderman Bryant, and by consent of all members present, communication #2 was read by title only, accepted and filed (7/0).

2. US Senator Blanche L. Lincoln, letter to Mayor Hays re: grant of \$781,072.00 from the US Department of Housing and Urban Development's Community Block Grant Program.

On the motion of Alderman Hight and seconded by Alderman Bryant, and by consent of all members present, communication #7 was read, accepted and filed (7/0).

7. Mayor Patrick H. Hays letter to Diane Whitbey, City Clerk and city council members re: out of office, Monday, June 25, 2007, attending US Conference of Mayors Annual Meeting in Los Angeles, California. Alderwoman Linda Robinson will preside over city council meeting.

Acting Mayor Robinson invited the following North Little Rock City Employees forward who received the Jack R. Rhodes, Sr., Distinguished Service Award from the Arkansas Municipal League in recognition of 25 years of continued service to the City of North Little Rock, and recognizing their devotion to their work and community:

John Adams, Fire Lieutenant	Donnie Bridges, Police Captain
Donna Bryant, Journeyman / Meterman (Electric)	Mike Daniels, Service Supervisor (Electric)
Jerry Daughtery, Police Captain	Jeffrey Eisenhower, Journeyman / Meterman (Electric)
Jeffery Ellison, Distribution Technician (Electric)	Gregory Gaines, Custodian (Parks and Recreation)
Marvin Gullett, Collector Technician (Electric)	Rick Gunther, Fire Captain
Chuck Heffington, Meter Reader IV (Electric)	Kenneth Johnson, General Parks Supervisor (Parks / Recreation)
Nate Martin, Fire Captain	David Matchett, Fire Captain
Forrest Mobbs, Fire Captain	Don Payne, Fire Captain
Larry Shook, Fire Captain	Felicia Smith Hart, Office Assistant II, (Health Department)
Stephanie Thomas, Assistant Finance Director	Dianne Hill, Customer Service (Electric)

Alderman Hight said working for any business or company for 25 consecutive years is admirable.

Mayor Robinson reconvened a public hearing at 7:12 p.m., this date regarding O-07-44, an ordinance amending North Little Rock Municipal Code (NLRMC) to add Section 51-1, et seq., and adopt Stormwater Management Regulations; establishing penalties for violations. (*See also O-07-45, an ordinance adopting a permit fee schedule pursuant to stormwater management, Section 51-9 of the NLRMC*). Ed Chapman, City Engineer advised Stormwater Management Regulations are required by the State of Arkansas and the Environmental Protection Agency. Alderman Bryant asked who would be

responsible for checking compliance and said he was not pleased with the lack of current enforcement. Public Works will enforce the requirements (this includes the city engineer and code enforcement). Violations of the regulations include putting any type of debris (leaves, grass cuttings) into storm drains. The length of the permit was again discussed. The ordinance is designed to handle construction and post-construction runoff. Mr. Carter advised a building permit would expire once a certificate of occupancy was issued. Mr. Chapman said the permit would be based on an on-going process. Alderman Gaines asked if another employee was needed for enforcement. Mr. Chapman said enforcement will be labor intensive and currently, another employee is unfunded. Mr. Chapman said the legislation needs to be adopted as soon as possible. Mr. Jim Ard, said the length of the permit needs to be considered. Mr. Ed Zionce lives on Hays Court. He suggested requiring the permit holder to pay for inspection fees. There being no one else wishing to be heard, Mayor Robinson adjourned the public hearing at 7:33 p.m.

There being no objection, the legislation was called. (*See unfinished business below*)\*\*

Mayor Robinson convened a public hearing at 7:35 p.m., this date regarding O-07-49, amending North Little Rock Municipal Code (NLRMC) to include a Chapter on Noise Control. Mr. Bobby Taylor lives on Boyer Street. Noise from car radios is bad. His house is well insulated, yet he can still hear the loud music. Ernest Collins lives on Willow Street. He asked about noise from the ball park and construction. Mr. Carter said the ordinance pertains to excessive noises and may be different depending on the area. Construction noise is not covered. Sarah McDaniel lives in Baring Cross. The sounds and words from radios include profanity. The loud radios create a safety hazard as well as many of the drivers are young and inexperienced. Mr. Ard asked if “snow cone trucks” were included and said the continuous sound of the music is annoying. Mr. Carter said snow cone or ice cream trucks are included. Mr. Zionce asked the council to pass something enforceable. Two night clubs in the area of MacArthur Drive have loud music. Car radios can be heard from several blocks away. Gerald Anderson lives on Amber Lane. Noise is a part of our culture. He has picnics in his yard and plays music. This could create problems. Excessive “boom” disturbs the peace. Mr. Anderson has lived there seven (7) years. The train coming through North Little Rock is very loud and disturbing. Youth don’t need to be punished unless they are disturbing the peace. Acting Mayor Robinson said this legislation is not targeting a particular group. Machines will record decibels. This legislation is not intended to prevent a “house party”, but to reduce excessive noise. Ms. Jessie Pounds lives on West 10<sup>th</sup> Street. Barking and howling dogs are a problem for her. There is a “barking dog” ordinance. Mr. Billy Grace, Director of Animal Control was asked to visit with Ms. Pounds regarding the same. Mary Ann Connelly asked about people working on vehicles. She has a neighbor who works on his car between 9:00 p.m. and 5:00 a.m. He has “glass pipes” on his vehicle and the are very loud. Ms. Connelly has a neighbor who said he would rather be in Iraq because it was quieter. Mr. Carter said the ordinance is still under review. Twenty decibels above the set scale was mentioned. Alderman Hight

asked about power washers, leaf blowers and other equipment. Mr. Carter advised such equipment would fall under a “transient sound rule”. Alderman Gaines has received several complaints from constituents regarding people working on cars at all hours and the noise associated with the same. Estella West is a singer. She asked how she would know if she was singing too loud. Will she be able to practice her scales, etc.? There being no one else wishing to be heard, the public hearing was recessed until 7:05 p.m., Monday, July 9, 2007.

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**\*\*O-07-44 (ORDINANCE NO. 7952 - MAYOR HAYS)**

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE NORTH LITTLE ROCK MUNICIPAL CODE (NLRMC) TO ADD SECTION 51-1, ET SEQ., AND ADOPT STORMWATER MANAGEMENT REGULATIONS; ESTABLISHING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATION; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES**, was read two times, May 29, 2007, was read a third and final time, June 11, 2007. A public hearing was reconvened this date (see above). The ordinance was read. On the motion of Alderman Bryant and seconded by Alderman Hight, and by consent of all members present, the ordinance was amended as follows:: *page 17, Section 51-10, (a) (4) Duration, strike ~~life of the project~~ and insert ONE (1) YEAR (7/0)*. On the motion of Alderman Bryant and seconded by Alderman Gaines, and the roll having been called, and all members present, the ordinance was adopted as amended (7/0). *No emergency clause.*

**O-07-45 (ORDINANCE NO. 7953 - MAYOR HAYS)**

**AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING A PERMIT FEE SCHEDULE PURSUANT TO STORM WATER MANAGEMENT; SECTION 51-9 OF THE NORTH LITTLE ROCK MUNICIPAL CODE (NLRMC); AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES**, was read two times, May 29, 2007, was read a third and final time. The amount of the fees was briefly discussed. On the motion of Alderman Bryant and seconded by Alderwoman Ross, and the roll having been called, and all members present having voted in the affirmative, the ordinance was adopted (7/0). *No emergency clause.*

**O-07-49**

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING NORTH LITTLE ROCK MUNICIPAL CODE TO INCLUDE A CHAPTER ON NOISE CONTROL; DECLARING AN EMERGENCY; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES**, was read one time June 11, 2007. A public hearing was held this date (see above). The public hearing was then recessed until Monday, July 9, 2007, at 7:05 p.m. The legislation was called and held at the request of sponsor, Alderwoman Robinson.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

**R-07-80 (RESOLUTION NO. 7121 - MAYOR HAYS)**

**A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE REAPPOINTMENT OF ANTHONY KENDALL TO THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF CENTRAL ARKANSAS WATER; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES**, was read (*see communication #1*). On the

motion of Alderman Bryant and seconded by Alderman Hight, and by consent of all members present, the resolution was adopted (7/0).

R-07-81 (RESOLUTION NO. 7122 - MAYOR HAYS)

A RESOLUTION AMENDING THE 2007 ANNUAL ACTION PLAN TO INCREASE PROJECT FUNDING AMOUNTS IN ACCORDANCE WITH AN INCREASE IN 2007 CDBG FUNDS AND A REDUCTION IN FUNDING FROM THE HOME FUNDS TO THE CITY OF NORTH LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES, was read (*see communication #2*). On the motion of Alderman Hight and seconded by Alderman Bryant, and by consent of all members present, the resolution was adopted (7/0). Mary Beth Bowman, Director of Community Development briefed the council on funds received prior to this increase. Alderman Bryant asked if a report was provided indicating how funds were being spent by various non-profit organizations listed. Ms. Bowman said a performance report is provided yearly.

R-07-82 (RESOLUTION NO. 7123 - MAYOR HAYS)

A RESOLUTION DECLARING CERTAIN BUILDINGS, HOUSES AND OTHER STRUCTURES LOCATED AT 913 NORTH "D" STREET IN THE CITY OF NORTH LITTLE ROCK TO CONSTITUTE A PUBLIC NUISANCE AND CONDEMNING SAID STRUCTURES, PROVIDING A PERIOD OF TIME FOR PROPERTY OWNER TO ABATE SAID NUISANCE, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES, was read. A public hearing was convened. There being no one present wishing to be heard, the public hearing was adjourned. On the motion of Alderman Hight and seconded by Alderman Gaines, and by consent of all members present, the resolution was adopted (7/0). (*owner: Alfred Grigsby*)

R-07-83 (RESOLUTION NO. 7124 - MAYOR HAYS)

A RESOLUTION DECLARING CERTAIN BUILDINGS, HOUSES AND OTHER STRUCTURES LOCATED AT 819 NORTH "D" STREET IN THE CITY OF NORTH LITTLE ROCK TO CONSTITUTE A PUBLIC NUISANCE AND CONDEMNING SAID STRUCTURES, PROVIDING A PERIOD OF TIME FOR PROPERTY OWNER TO ABATE SAID NUISANCE, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES, was read. A public hearing was convened. There being no one present wishing to be heard, the public hearing was adjourned. On the motion of Alderman Hight and seconded by Alderman Gaines, and by consent of all members present, the resolution was adopted (7/0). (*owner: Elizabeth Wilson*)

O-07-52

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 12.22 (MOBILE STORAGE CONTAINERS) OF ORDINANCE NO. 7697 (THE ZONING ORDINANCE); DECLARING AN EMERGENCY; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES, was read one time

and held at the request of the sponsor (Alderman Witcher) by Alderman Hight. A public hearing was scheduled for 7:05 p.m., Monday, July 9, 2007.

O-07-53 (ORDINANCE NO. 7954 - ALDERWOMAN ROBINSON)

AN ORDINANCE TO RECLASSIFY CERTAIN PROPERTY LOCATED AT THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF 6<sup>TH</sup> AND ORANGE STREETS IN THE CITY OF NORTH LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS, FROM THE PRESENT R-2 TO R-3 CLASSIFICATION BY AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 7697 OF THE CITY OF NORTH LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS; DECLARING AN EMERGENCY; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES, was read. On the motion of Alderwoman Robinson, and seconded by Alderman Gaines, and by consent of all members present, the rules were suspended and the ordinance was placed on its second reading (7/0). On the motion of Alderman Gaines, and seconded by Alderman Witcher, and by consent of all members present, the rules were again suspended and the ordinance was placed on its third and final reading (7/0). The roll having been called, and all members present having voted in the affirmative, the ordinance was adopted (7/0). Emergency clause adopted (7/0). (*applicant: Chris Dimon*)

O-07-54 (ORDINANCE NO. 7955 - ALDERWOMAN ROBINSON AND ALDERMAN THOMAS)

AN ORDINANCE RECLASSIFYING CERTAIN PROPERTY LOCATED AT THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF MAPLE AND 4<sup>TH</sup> STREETS IN THE CITY OF NORTH LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS FROM C-3 TO PLANNED USE DEVELOPMENT (PUD), TO ALLOW TOWNHOMES, BY AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 7697 OF THE CITY OF NORTH LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS; DECLARING AN EMERGENCY; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES, was read. On the motion of Alderman Thomas and seconded by Alderman Gaines, and by consent of all members present, the rules were suspended and the ordinance was placed on its second reading (7/0). Alderman Bryant asked if this had been through the Subdivision Committee and the Historic District Commission. Mr. Robert Voyles, Planning Director said the proposal has been before both. The ordinance was read a second time. On the motion of Alderwoman Robinson and seconded by Alderman Gaines, and by consent of all members present, the rules were suspended and the ordinance was placed on its third and final reading (7/0). The roll having been called, and all members present, having voted in the affirmative, the ordinance was adopted (7/0). Emergency clause adopted (7/0). (*applicant: Jerry Kelso*)

O-07-55 (ORDINANCE NO. 7956 - ALDERMEN PARKER AND GAINES)

AN ORDINANCE TO RECLASSIFY CERTAIN PROPERTY LOCATED ON MEEKS INDUSTRIAL DRIVE IN THE CITY OF NORTH LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS, FROM THE PRESENT I-2 TO C-3 CLASSIFICATION BY AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 7697 OF THE CITY OF NORTH LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS; DECLARING AN EMERGENCY; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES, was called. Alderman Gaines was added as a co-sponsor. The ordinance was read. On the motion of

Alderman Gaines and seconded by Alderman Parker, and by consent of all members present, the rules were suspended and the ordinance was placed on its second reading (7/0). On the motion of Alderman Gaines, and seconded by Alderman Bryant, and by consent of all members present, the rules were again suspended and the ordinance was placed on its third and final reading (7/0). The roll having been called, and all members present having voted in the affirmative, the ordinance was adopted (7/0). Emergency clause adopted (7/0). (*applicant: Darrin Meeks*)

O-07-56 (ORDINANCE NO. 7957 - ALDERMEN PARKER AND GAINES)  
AN ORDINANCE TO RECLASSIFY CERTAIN PROPERTY LOCATED AT THE  
SOUTH SIDE OF COUNTS MASSIE AND APPROXIMATELY ONE-FOURTH (1/4)  
MILE EAST OF 90 DEGREE TURN IN THE CITY OF NORTH LITTLE ROCK,  
ARKANSAS, FROM THE PRESENT I-2 TO ~~C-4~~ C-3 AND R-4 CLASSIFICATION  
BY AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 7697 OF THE CITY OF NORTH LITTLE  
ROCK, ARKANSAS; DECLARING AN EMERGENCY; AND FOR OTHER  
PURPOSES, was called. Alderman Gaines was added as a co-sponsor. The ordinance was read. On the motion of Alderman Gaines, and seconded by Alderman Parker, and by consent of all members present, the rules were suspended and the ordinance was placed on its second reading (7/0). Mr. Carter advised there was a typo. On the motion of Alderman Bryant, and seconded by Alderman Gaines, and by consent of all members present, the ordinance was amended as follows: *substitute copy provided this date, changing C-4 to C-3* (7/0). On the motion of Alderman Gaines and seconded by Alderman Bryant, the rules were again suspended and the ordinance was placed on its second reading as amended (7/0). On the motion of Alderman Gaines, and seconded by Alderman Bryant, and by consent of all members present, the rules were again suspended and the ordinance was placed on its third and final reading, as amended (7/0). The roll having been called, and all members present having voted in the affirmative, the ordinance was adopted, as amended (7/0). Emergency clause adopted (7/0). (*applicant: Mark Yelenich*)

O-07-57 (ORDINANCE NO. 7958 - ALDERMEN PARKER AND GAINES)  
AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING AN AMENDED LAND USE PLAN IN THE  
MAUMELLE BOULEVARD AREA IN THE CITY OF NORTH LITTLE ROCK;  
DECLARING AN EMERGENCY; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES, was called. Alderman Gaines was added as a co-sponsor. The ordinance was read. On the motion of Alderman Gaines and seconded by Alderman Bryant, and by consent of all members present, the rules were suspended and the ordinance was placed on its second reading (7/0). On the motion of Alderman Parker and seconded by Alderman Gaines, and by consent of all members present, the rules were again suspended and the ordinance was placed on its third and final reading (7/0). The roll having been called, and all members present having voted in the affirmative, the ordinance was adopted (7/0). Emergency clause adopted (7/0).

O-07-58 (ORDINANCE NO. 7959 - ALDERMEN PARKER AND GAINES)  
AN ORDINANCE GRANTING A SPECIAL USE FOR A BEFORE AND AFTER  
SCHOOL CARE IN AN R-2 ZONE FOR CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY LOCATED  
AT 2677 PIKE AVENUE IN THE CITY OF NORTH LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS;  
DECLARING AN EMERGENCY; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES, was called. On the motion of Alderman Gaines and seconded by Alderman Parker, and by consent of all members present, the rules were suspended and the ordinance was placed on its second reading (7/0). On the motion of Alderman Gaines, and seconded by Alderwoman Robinson, and by consent of all members present, the rules were again suspended and the ordinance was placed on its third and final reading (7/0). The ordinance was read a third and final time. Alderman Hight asked about the razor wire referenced in Section 1: d). Alderman Parker advised the applicant was out of town. This is a commercial property located adjacent to a bowling alley in the Pike Plaza Shopping Center. Recently the property was used for drivers license issuance and CDL licensing. Alderman Hight asked about O-07-59 (*regarding the same property*). Mr. Voyles said the property classification has been R-2 and needed to be corrected to the proper classification of C-3. The special use would apply to the applicant. Mr. Carter recommended amending the legislation., and on the motion of Alderman Hight and seconded by Alderwoman Ross, and by consent of all members present, the ordinance was amended as follows:: *strike through in an R-2 zone in the title and in Section 1* (7/0). After further discussion, and on the motion of Alderman Parker and seconded by Alderman Gaines, and the roll having been called, and all members present, having voted in the affirmative, the ordinance was adopted, as amended (7/0). Emergency clause adopted (7/0). (*applicant: Wreva Williams*)

O-07-59 (ORDINANCE NO. 7960 - ALDERMEN PARKER AND GAINES)  
AN ORDINANCE TO RECLASSIFY CERTAIN PROPERTY LOCATED AT 2677  
PIKE AVENUE IN THE CITY OF NORTH LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS, FROM  
THE PRESENT R-2 TO C-3 CLASSIFICATION BY AMENDING ORDINANCE NO.  
7697 OF THE CITY OF NORTH LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS; DECLARING AN  
EMERGENCY; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES, was called. Alderman Gaines was added as a co-sponsor. The ordinance was read. On the motion of Alderman Parker and seconded by Alderman Gaines, and by consent of all members present, the rules were suspended and the ordinance was placed on its second reading (7/0). On the motion of Alderman Parker and seconded by Alderman Gaines, and by consent of all members present, the rules were again suspended and the ordinance was placed on its third and final reading (7/0). The roll having been called, and all members present having voted in the affirmative, the ordinance was adopted (7/0). Emergency clause adopted (7/0). (*applicant: Gregg Mueller*)

O-07-60 (ORDINANCE NO. 7961 - ALDERMAN THOMAS)  
AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 7855 WHICH GRANTED A  
SPECIAL USE FOR AN OFFICE, CHAPEL AND TRANSITIONAL SHELTER  
LOCATED AT 3719 EAST BROADWAY IN THE CITY OF NORTH LITTLE ROCK,



ARKANSAS; DECLARING AN EMERGENCY; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES, was read. On the motion of Alderman Thomas and seconded by Alderwoman Robinson, and by consent of all members present, the rules were suspended and the ordinance was placed on its second reading (7/0). The ordinance read a second time. After discussion regarding previous uses at the location, Dr. Melvin Brigham spoke regarding the request to include housing for twelve (12) on-site staff members, which had been approved by the Fire Marshal. Alderwoman Ross went by the location and advised it was very clean outside. On the motion of Alderman Thomas and seconded by Alderman Gaines, and by consent of all members present, the rules were again suspended and the ordinance was placed on its third and final reading (7/0). The roll having been called, and all members present having voted in the affirmative, the ordinance was adopted (7/0). Emergency clause adopted (7/0). (*Ordinance no. 7855, granted a special use to Dr. Melvin Brigham on behalf of Mission Global Ministries*).

#### **PUBLIC COMMENTS-----**

Mr. Carter advised he had copies of a possible amendment for the noise ordinance if anyone wanted a copy. Alderman Parker said there needs to be some action taken regarding noise made by trains passing through the city. Ms. Connelly said sex offenders have to register with the police and asked why meth offenders are not required to register. CenterPoint Energy worked in her neighborhood. The residents of the area were told the yards would look better than they did prior to the work. The ground level is lower, fill dirt was river dirt and concrete driveways were replaced with blacktop. Mr. Collins said he was told that Central Arkansas Transit Authority (CATA) did not provide Sunday bus service because the city would not give them more money. Also, the buses do not run after 6:00 p.m. Mr. Collins asked where people could “pop” firecrackers. He was advised all fireworks are prohibited within the city limits of North Little Rock. Ms. Andi Caston relocated after hurricane Katrina. Her light bill is high and she is on a fixed income. It went from \$117.00 to \$195.00. Mr. Bob Sisson, Finance Director will visit with her regarding possible assistance available to low-income families. Ms. Pounder asked why electric rates were so high in North Little Rock and said they need to be adjusted. An increase of 38% to 50% is too much. People are either rich or poor. Sick people may need machines which require electricity to assist them. Ms. West said North Little Rock Electric rates are too high. She then read a list of “demands” which included lower rates for all customers, lifeline rates for seniors and others and more flexible payment policies. Ms. West then provided a petition from ACORN containing nine (9) signatures (9:05 p.m.). Ms. Sherry Criswell asked for respect for persons speaking during public comment and said they need help with this matter (electric rates). Mr. Bob Rhoads, Director of Parks and Recreation invited everyone to a ceremony, Saturday at 10:00 a.m. at which time the 14<sup>th</sup> Street Park will be renamed the Lorene Joshua Park. Mr. Ard spoke regarding public comment.

There being no further business to come before the Council, and on the motion of Alderman Hight and seconded by Alderman Bryant, and by agreement of all members

present, the meeting adjourned at 9:10 p.m. (7/0), until the next regularly scheduled meeting to be held on Monday, July 9, 2007, at seven o'clock p.m. in the City Council Chambers in City Hall, located at 300 Main Street, North Little Rock, Arkansas.

APPROVED: MAYOR PATRICK HENRY HAYS

ATTEST: DIANE WHITBEY, CITY CLERK